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MARYLAND TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE NO. 84

Purpose. To provide instructions on updating section III of the FOTG with the revised "Resource Concerns & Planning Criteria for Conservation Planning". The Change Notice Register has also been revised.

Effective Date. Upon receipt.

Explanation. Section III:

The Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria has been restructured to support CDSI science-based planning approach. In response to feedback the Resource Concern & Planning Criteria document now reflects a change to the criteria used to assess inefficient use of irrigation water, allowing the States to use State identified measurement and assessment tools. The new document also clarifies the relationship between the list of 31 resource concerns and the resource concern components needed by planners to accurately plan and evaluate conservation systems that address resource issues. The resource concerns and components will be integrated into Toolkit, Conservation Practice Physical Effects, and the Program Contracts System with the deployment of the upcoming releases.

The list of resource concerns and the revised planning criteria are effective October 1, 2013.

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Instructions.

Section I:

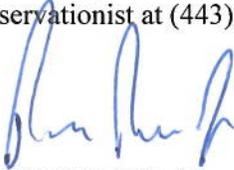
File this Change Notice and the Change Notice Register (new page xxi) in the front of Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide.

Section III. File the revised Table of Contents.

File the revised Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria for Conservation Planning in Section III under Quality Criteria for Resource Management Systems. Discard the old list.

Distribution. This Change Notice, the Change Notice Register, are being distributed as electronic documents to Maryland NRCS Field Service Centers. All documents will also be electronically distributed on the eFOTG at the following address: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg> . Click on Maryland, and go to the appropriate section.

If you have questions concerning these practice standards, please contact Jerry Raynor, State Resource Conservationist at (443) 482-2908.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pedro Ramos, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

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Attachments

DIST: Maryland NRCS Field Offices (w/ attachments)
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